



2M Parent Information

3/2/2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to 2023! We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year. I trust that they will have a happy, safe and productive year in 2M. Throughout this year our students will be engaged in some exciting programs where they will have the opportunity to work collaboratively across all areas of the curriculum. While I will be on-site 5 days a week, Mrs D. Dodd will be teaching 2M on Wednesdays, allowing me to have time off class to support the students and teachers in Stage 1 as Assistant Principal.

Literacy

2M's literacy program is developed in line with outcomes from the new NSW K-2 English Syllabus. During reading, writing and spelling lessons students will participate in a variety of learning activities including whole class instruction, guided groups based on individual needs and independent activities tailored to their ability level.

Numeracy

We will be following the DoE K-2 Mathematics scope and sequence to support student learning in all mathematical concepts in line with the new NSW K-2 Mathematics syllabus. Extensions and revision activities are also provided to ensure all students are accessing the Mathematics curriculum at their individualised level. Students will be participating in many hands-on learning experiences during maths lessons.

Differentiated Learning

In an effort to meet the individual needs of students within our class we conduct lessons in an environment that is conducive to cooperative group structures. We work with students in small group situations and tailor the learning experiences to meet the needs of each group of students or individual students.

Sport

Sport for 2M will be on Friday. Students are to wear their sports uniform with *appropriate shoes and a hat*. Students will engage in a warm up, a fun fitness activity, followed by a short cool down and stretch session. 2M will also participate in short daily fitness sessions. Students are to wear regular school uniform on these days.

Library

Our Library sessions are on Wednesday. Your child will need to bring their library bag along each Wednesday so that they may borrow. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled. If your child does not have a library bag they may be unable to borrow for that week.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Chittaway Bay Public School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. PBL is a comprehensive, integrated approach to student wellbeing and behaviour. Our expectations are: Safe, Respectful, Responsible and Engaged.

Assembly

Our K-2 Assembly will be held every fortnight on Fridays, starting in Week 3. Merit and PBL awards will be handed out during these assemblies and parents are welcome to attend. There will also be opportunities in Semester 2 for each class to deliver the assembly and perform an item. We will inform you when our class will be performing.

Home Reading – Starts Week 5

Students will be expected to participate in our school's home reading program. Students change their readers on a weekly basis. Students can borrow books from the class home reading book box or from the school library, but are not limited to read these. Any books or magazines that you may have at home may also be used for your child's home reading progress. Please remember to send your child's Home Reading Log back to school so the teacher can sign it. A further note explaining our Home Reading Scheme will be sent home soon.

Homework – Starts week 3

Homework booklets will be handed out on Mondays and are expected to be returned on Fridays. Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's progress and sign off completion on a daily basis.

Some useful Numeracy sites: <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/get-mathematical/k-6-resources>
 Studyladder is another great site: www.studyladder.com.au. Studyladder username and passwords will be sent out soon.

Fruit Break

Each day the students are encouraged to bring in a small quantity of fruits or vegetables that are easily eaten. Fruit break occurs each morning and provides an opportunity for students to top up their energy levels before the recess break. Students in 2M are also welcome to bring an additional piece of fruit that may be eaten during learning time later in the day should they get hungry.

Hygiene and illness

As per normal school expectations and current COVID-19 guidelines, any student that is unwell must remain home until they are non-symptomatic.

Attendance and Absentee Notes

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child is away from school, please send in a note explaining their absence on the next day they return to school. Alternatively, you may email or call the front office, send a notification via the school app or reply via the schools automated text system. Should you intend to take your child out of school for an extended period, you will need to apply for approval for this, from the Principal. Contact the school office for details.

Birthdays

If you wish to send in any cakes or treats to celebrate your child's birthday, we ask that you speak with us prior to ensure that there are no issues with student allergies or dietary requirements. Individually wrapped and healthy items are preferred.

Communication

Chittaway Bay Public School has various platforms in which it communicates with parents and students. Sometimes there is overlap within the platforms although not always. We strongly encourage all families to join Sentral for Parents as this will be teachers' main form of communication with families.

Platform	whole school	stage based	class based	student based
Newsletter (fortnightly)	x			
Facebook Page	x			
Sentral for Parents	x	x	x	x
Teacher Email				x
Telephone Calls				x

We encourage you to use Sentral for Parents as the primary means of communication, but you can also phone or email me through the school if you have any concerns or issues that need to be discussed. Please be aware that we as teachers have limited times available for face to face meetings, so it is essential that you make an appointment through the school office if you need to spend some time to discuss a particular issue. Information for Sentral for Parents will be sent home shortly.

Class Helpers

Class helpers are always welcome to come and help in the classroom. Jobs include – sharpening pencils, making educational games, reading with students, helping with literacy/numeracy rotations, helping during technology or craft lessons etc. If you wish to help in the classroom this year, please let me know. I will create a parent helpers' roster and send it home to those of you who have indicated they are interested. Please be mindful that all class helpers must sign in at the office before coming into our classroom. Parents, while not required to have a WWCC for general classroom help,

there are circumstances when this is required and you may like to consider obtaining a volunteer one if you have not already done so. <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

Important dates for Stage 1 (more to be added)

Term 1	Term 2
Week 4 14 February Parent/ Teacher meet and greet 3:30-4:30	Week 1 26 April First day of Term 2
Week 4 15 February Swimming carnival- Competitors only	Week 5 9 May Athletics carnival
Week 6/7 All week Life Education	Week 10 30 June Last day of Term 2
Week 11 4 April Parent Teacher Interviews 6 April Easter hat Parade Last day of Term 1	

Please note that dates can sometimes change due to unforeseeable events. You can access the most up to date calendar through Sentral.

Kind Regards,

Miss Jade Myers
Stage 1 Assistant Principal

Mrs Donna Dodd
Classroom Teacher